

Our trusty and well-beloved Charles Isaac Elton, Esquire, one of Our Counsel learned in the Law ;

Our trusty and well-beloved Owen Thomas, Esquire, Captain in the Second Volunteer Battalion of the Royal Welsh Fusiliers ;

Our trusty and well-beloved Francis Allston Channing, Esquire, Master of Arts ;

Our trusty and well-beloved John Clay, Esquire ;

Our trusty and well-beloved Cornelius Neale Dalton, Esquire ;

Our trusty and well-beloved Robert Lacey Everett, Esquire ;

Our trusty and well-beloved John Gilmour, Esquire ;

Our trusty and well-beloved George Lambert, Esquire ;

Our trusty and well-beloved William Cutlack Little, Esquire ;

Our trusty and well-beloved Walter Hume Long, Esquire ; and

Our trusty and well-beloved Charles Whitehead, Esquire, Fellow of the Linnæan Society ; Greeting !

Whereas We have deemed it expedient that a Commission should forthwith issue to enquire into the Agricultural Depression prevailing in that part of Our United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, called Great Britain, and whether it can be alleviated by legislation or other measures :

Now know ye, that We, reposing great trust and confidence in your knowledge and ability, have authorized and appointed, and do by these Presents authorize and appoint, you, the said George John Shaw Lefevre, Charles George, Viscount Cobham, George William Henry, Baron Vernon, Henry Chaplin, Sir Robert Nigel Fitzhardinge Kingscote, Robert Giffen, Charles Isaac Elton, Owen Thomas, Francis Allston Channing, John Clay, Cornelius Neale Dalton, Robert Lacey Everett, John Gilmour, George Lambert, William Cutlack Little, Walter Hume Long, and Charles Whitehead, to be Our Commissioners for the purposes of the said inquiry.

And for the better effecting the purposes of this Our Commission We do, by these presents, give and grant unto you, or any five or more of you, full power to call before you such persons as you shall judge likely to afford you any information upon the subject of this Our Commission ; and also to call for, have access to, and examine, all such books, documents, registers, and records as may afford you the fullest information on the subject ; and to enquire of and concerning the premises by all other lawful ways and means whatsoever.

And we do by these Presents authorize and empower you, or any five or more of you, to visit and personally inspect such places as you may deem it expedient so to inspect for the more effectual carrying out of the purposes aforesaid, and to employ such persons as you may think fit to assist you in conducting any inquiry which you may hold.

And We do further by these Presents will and ordain that this Our Commission shall continue in full force and virtue, and that you Our said Commissioners, or any five or more of you, may from time to time proceed in the execution thereof, and of every matter and thing therein contained, although the same be not continued from time to time by adjournment.

And We do further ordain that you, or any five or more of you, have liberty to report your proceedings under this Our Commission from time to time if you shall judge it expedient so to do.

And Our further will and pleasure is that you

do, with as little delay as possible, report to Us, under your hands and seals, or under the hands and seals of any five or more of you, your opinion upon the questions herein submitted for your consideration.

And for the purpose of aiding you in such matters We hereby appoint Our trusty and well-beloved Herbert Lyon, Esquire, to be Secretary to this Our Commission.

Given at Our Court at *Saint James's*, the fourteenth day of *September*, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-three, in the fifty-seventh year of Our reign.

By Her Majesty's Command,  
*H. H. Asquith.*

*Foreign Office, September 16, 1893.*

THE Queen has been pleased to approve of Bahir Bey as Turkish Consul-General at Malta ; of Mr. Manley Hopkins as Hawaiian Consul-General in London ; of Mr. Alexis Poutiata and Mr. George Kartzow as Russian Consuls at Melbourne and Newcastle-on-Tyne ; of Mr. Frederick William Bickel as Danish Consul at Madras ; of Mr. Leonidas Metaxas as Greek Consul at Cardiff ; of Mr. G. W. Bell and Mr. G. James as Consuls at Sydney, New South Wales, and Woodstock, New Brunswick, for the United States of America ; and of Mr. W. E. Heard, Mr. J. Burke, Mr. M. Whitwell, and Mr. G. S. Kelway as Uruguayan Consuls at Newport (Monmouthshire), Belfast, Bristol, and Milford Haven respectively.

*Office of the Secretary for Scotland,  
Whitehall, September 16, 1893.*

THE Queen has been pleased, by Warrant under Her Majesty's Royal Sign Manual, to direct a Commission to be passed under the Privy Seal in Scotland, appointing Mr. Robert Kirk Inches, Clockmaker, of Edinburgh, to the office of Her Majesty's Clockmaker, &c., in Scotland.

(H. 6998.)

*Board of Trade (Harbour Department),  
London, September 16, 1893.*

THE Board of Trade have received, through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a copy of a Despatch, dated 23rd August, 1893, from Her Majesty's Representative at Rio de Janeiro, stating that all French ports, except those between Dunkirk and Morlaix (the latter exclusive), are declared "suspected" of cholera from the 22nd August. Ports of Austria-Hungary are also declared "suspected" from the 14th August.

(H. 7000.)

*Board of Trade (Harbour Department),  
London, September 16, 1893.*

THE Board of Trade have received, through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a copy of a Telegram, dated 15th September, 1893, from Her Majesty's Representative at Copenhagen, stating that sanitary precautions are enforced against arrivals from Grimsby and Hull.

(H. 7001.)

*Board of Trade (Harbour Department),  
London, September 16, 1893.*

THE Board of Trade have received, through the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, a copy of a Telegram, dated 15th September, 1893, from Her Majesty's Representative at Athens, stating that five days' quarantine is imposed against Cyprus, because free pratique is there granted to arrivals from Constantinople.